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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace title with the following title:

**"PROCESS FOR PRECISION-MACHINING A CYLINDRICAL INNER SURFACE"**

Please add the following paragraph after the title:

Cross Reference To Related Application

[0001] This application is a **national stage** of PCT/EP2003/014502 filed December 18, 2003 and based upon DE 103 06 864.3 filed February 19, 2003 under the International Convention.

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] The invention relates to a process for precision-machining a cylindrical inner surface ~~in accordance with the preamble of claim 1.~~

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

[0008] ~~The solution to the invention consists in a process as claimed in claim 1.~~

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] The process according to the invention ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ is distinguished by the fact that a cylindrical inner surface, in particular a cylinder liner which has at least one

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softer region and at least one harder region in the axial direction, is precision-machined by honing steps, a preliminary honing step (preliminary honing) and a precision-honing step (precision-honing).